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(54) Title: USE OF SUBSTITUTED 2,5-DIAMIDOINDOLES FOR THE TREATMENT OF UROLOGICAL DISEASES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of 2,5-diamidoindole derivatives for the preparation of medicaments for treating urological disorders in humans and/or animals, by virtue of their endothelin-converting enzyme (ECE) inhibitory activity.

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Claims Nos.: -

Present claims 6,8 relate to compounds defined by reference to a desirable property, namely their "ECE inhibitory" action. The claims cover all compounds having this property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds.

In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Moreover, general terms like "urological disorder" (claims 1-3,6-8) are very broad and may encompass a huge (and potentially unrelated) and unlimited number diseases, concerning different organs with different functions. It is impossible for the skilled person to know which diseases or disorders are or are not belonging to this broad term/definition.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds of claim 1 (also of the examples and the description) in relation to their use to treat disorders mentioned in claims 4 and 5, with due regard to the general concept of the invention.

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